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**1 — The fault that produced North Texas' largest quake could produce an even bigger one, study says, Dallas Morning News, 9/25/17**

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/science-medicine/2017/09/25/fault-produced-north-texas-largest-quake-produce-even-bigger-one-study-says>

The town that experienced a 4-magnitude earthquake in May 2015 — the strongest quake ever recorded in North Texas — sits on a fault with the potential to produce an event 10 times larger, suggests a new study led by scientists at Southern Methodist University. The report also concluded there was “substantial evidence” that the quake, near the Johnson County town of Venus, was triggered by the underground disposal of wastewater from oil and gas operations.

**2 — Navajo Nation Artists Respond to the Threat of Uranium Radiation, Hyperallergic, 9/22/17**

<https://hyperallergic.com/401017/navajo-nation-artists-respond-to-the-threat-of-uranium-radiation/>

Nuclear contamination from abandoned uranium mines is rampant across the Navajo Nation, and a community of artists is raising awareness through a street art project and gallery exhibition.

**4 — Barrier put in mine that sent toxic water into 3 states, Amarillo Globe News, 9/22/17**

<http://amarillo.com/national-news/2017-09-22/barrier-put-mine-sent-toxic-water-3-states>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is installing a barrier and valve inside an inactive Colorado mine to prevent another surge of wastewater like a 2015 blowout that contaminated rivers in three states. The 12-inch valve will regulate wastewater pouring from the Gold King Mine in the San Juan Mountains of southwestern Colorado, where the EPA inadvertently triggered a wastewater spill while excavating at the mine entrance in August 2015.

**5 — Arkansas Defies Monsanto, Moves To Ban Rogue Weedkiller, KSTX, 9/22/17**

<http://tpr.org/post/arkansas-defies-monsanto-moves-ban-rogue-weedkiller#stream/0>

Arkansas is on the verge of banning the use, during the growing season, of a Monsanto-backed weedkiller that has been blamed for damaging millions of acres of crops in neighboring farms this year. The weedkiller is called dicamba. It can be sprayed on soybeans and cotton that have been genetically modified to tolerate it. But not all farmers plant those new seeds. And across the Midwest, farmers that don't use the herbicide are blaming their dicamba-spraying neighbors for widespread damage to their crops — and increasingly, to wild vegetation.

**6 — EPA Clarifies FEMA Statement On Texas Toxic Sites, CBS DFW, 9/25/17**

<http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2017/09/24/epa-fema-texas-toxic-sites/>

The Environmental Protection Agency said Sunday it has recovered 517 containers filled with unidentified, potentially hazardous material found floating in or washed up along Texas waterways after the devastating floods from Hurricane Harvey receded. The agency's statement sought to clarify an earlier media release saying the containers were recovered from highly contaminated toxic waste sites.

**7 Colorado landfills are illegally burying low-level radioactive waste from oil and gas industry, Denver Post learns, Denver Post, 9/22/17**

<http://www.denverpost.com/2017/09/22/colorado-landfills-illegally-burying-radioactive-waste-oil-gas/>

Colorado landfills have been illegally burying low-level radioactive waste from the oil and gas industry that they are not approved to handle, state health officials revealed this week. State health regulators, confirming at a meeting with local governments the disposal of unknown amounts at ordinary landfills, are trying to prohibit the practice and buttress their oversight. Colorado's booming oil and gas industry produces millions of tons of waste, some of it radioactive, and both waste producers and landfill operators are obligated to handle it properly.

**8 Questions Surround Chromium At LANL, \$9M Project Brings More Water To Navajo Communities, KUNM, 9/25/17**

<http://kunm.org/post/questions-surround-chromium-lanl-9m-project-brings-more-water-navajo-communities>

A top official with the U.S. Energy Department says the agency is still uncertain about the extent of contamination from a massive plume of chromium that resulted from decades of poor waste management at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Doug Hintze with the Energy Department's environmental management field office in Los Alamos told state lawmakers during a recent hearing that cancer-causing chromium and other chemicals have continued to seep from the soil in Mortandad Canyon into the groundwater.

**9 Carp, clams and crested floating-hearts: Louisiana on alert for invasive species, Times Picayune, 9/23/17**

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/09/hurricane\\_harvey\\_invasive\\_species.html#incart\\_river\\_index](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/09/hurricane_harvey_invasive_species.html#incart_river_index)

Hurricane Harvey flushed thousands of people from their homes in southeast Texas. It might also have flushed common carp, Asian clams and a flower called the crested floating-heart across the Texas border into Louisiana. That's the premise behind a new web-based application developed by the U.S. Geological Survey to track invasive species. It assumes that Harvey's floodwaters created news pathways by which aquatic species could move from one body of water to another.

**10 OPINION: Ignoring science won't end environmental problems, Times Picayune, 9/24/17**

[http://www.nola.com/opinions/index.ssf/2017/09/climate\\_science.html#incart\\_river\\_index](http://www.nola.com/opinions/index.ssf/2017/09/climate_science.html#incart_river_index)

This just in: WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Urged on by cheering crowds in Make America Great Again caps and GOP congressmen from oil producing states, President Trump last night stood on the steps of the Environmental Protection Agency Building and proclaimed "Carbon today! Carbon tomorrow! Carbon forever!" He then put a torch to a 100-foot tall stack of climate research reports, science textbooks, first editions of "On the Origin of Species" -- and an effigy of Al Gore.

**11 Weird creatures washing ashore, shrimping with diversions: This week's coastal news, Times Picayune, 9/24/17**

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/09/weird\\_creatures\\_washing\\_ashore.html#incart\\_river\\_index](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/09/weird_creatures_washing_ashore.html#incart_river_index)

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma pushed some unusual stuff ashore. A strange-looking eel was found on a Texas City, Texas, beach, and a historic-looking canoe was discovered in Cocoa, Fla. In Grand Isle, officials responded to what they first thought was another whale washing ashore. It was later identified as Risso's dolphin.

**12 CDC: Mosquitoes carrying Zika, other deadly viruses could breed in 75 percent of the US, AJC, 9/22/17**

<http://www.ajc.com/news/cdc-mosquitoes-carrying-zika-other-deadly-viruses-could-breed-percent-the/2pqa4NuNBaHfhr5TL2p4rl/>

According to a CDC study, up to 75 percent of the contiguous United States may provide suitable conditions for several species of disease-spreading mosquitoes. The recent study, published in the Public Journal of Entomology, found 71 percent of counties in the 48 contiguous states were suitable for the aegypti species and 75 percent could support albopictus species.

**13 Exxon Mobil launches new methane emissions reduction program, Houston Chron, 9/25/17**

<http://www.chron.com/business/energy/article/Exxon-Mobil-launches-new-methane-emissions-12226095.php>

Exxon Mobil is launching a new program focused on reducing methane emissions and leaks from its U.S. oil and gas production and pipelines. The project is focusing on installing environmentally efficient equipment and more leak-detection sensors throughout its onshore shale oil and gas operations in the U.S.

**14 Pruitt plans to release schedule, Greenwire, 9/22/17**

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/09/22/stories/1060061477>

U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is planning to release his public calendar, long sought by his critics on Capitol Hill and in the environmental movement. Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), ranking member on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, offered faint praise for the move by Pruitt. Earlier this year, the Democratic senator had called on the EPA chief to release his schedule on a monthly basis (E&E News PM, March 17).

**15 State advances herbicide ban, setting up Monsanto fight, Greenwire, 9/22/17**

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/09/22/stories/1060061425>

Arkansas officials have advanced a plan to ban farmers from using the controversial herbicide dicamba next summer, likely setting up a legal battle between the state and Monsanto Co., the maker of the chemical. The Arkansas State Plant Board yesterday brought the state one step closer to solidifying a rule that would ban the herbicide between April 16 and Oct. 31 next year.

**16 After Harvey, experts worry about climate, dam safety, Greenwire, 9/22/17**

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/09/22/stories/1060061453>

As the oceans warm and extreme weather events like Hurricane Harvey become more common on the Gulf Coast, climatologists are warning that Texas' dams might not be up to the test. Dams are generally designed with the most extreme scenario in mind, but weather experts say Harvey matched or exceeded the maximum amounts of rainfall that the state's dams are designed to hold off.

**17 Federal decision on solar panel imports could cost Texas jobs, slow down installations**

<https://www.dallasnews.com/business/energy/2017/09/22/washingtons-solar-decision-cost-texas-jobs-help-manufacturing-elsewhere>

The plummeting cost of solar electricity could soon be on its way up.

The U.S. International Trade Commission decided 4-0 Friday that imported solar cells and panels are threatening the domestic manufacturing industry, potentially setting the stage for President Donald Trump to set tariffs, a price floor or take some other action early next year.

**18 State seeks more data before granting permit to hog farm in river's watershed, Ark. Democrat Gazette, 9/23/17**

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2017/sep/23/hog-farm-permit-decision-put-off-more-d-1/>

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality sent a letter this week to the owners of C&H Hog Farms asking for more documentation of their facility and plans as the department continues to evaluate the facility's permit application. The documents are already in the public record, Buffalo River Watershed Alliance board member Brian Thompson told the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission on Friday. Thompson called the request, which allows C&H 90 days to respond, a delay tactic and an "affront to public trust."

**19 EPA clarifies earlier FEMA statement on Texas toxic sites, Star-telegram, 9/24/17**

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/state/texas/article175186081.html>

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**20 Lead & other metals found in the water in Enterprise, Louisiana, KNOE, 9/22/17**

<http://www.knoe.com/content/news/Lead-other-metals-found-in-the-water-in-Enterprise-LA-446651243.html>

According to tests conducted by Virginia Tech, water in several homes in Enterprise, Louisiana tested positive for high levels of lead and other metals. The results come after a group took samples from 21 locations, 18 homes in the area last week.

**21 Why has the 2017 hurricane season been so bad?, Times Picayune, 9/23/17**

[http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2017/09/why\\_has\\_the\\_2017\\_hurricane\\_sea.html](http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2017/09/why_has_the_2017_hurricane_sea.html)

The 2017 hurricane season has been a full-on assault from Mother Nature. We are under siege, and our attackers have benign names like Harvey and Irma and Maria. But they are callous, powerful, indiscriminate, terrifying, destructive, merciless and relentless. Is Earth trying to eject us from the planet? Again and again and again the harshest of winds and hardest of rains has pounded on the most-defenseless territories we have. The Caribbean islands, hanging out in open sea. The Florida peninsula, jutting out into danger. The Texas coastline, low-lying and concrete-laden. Nearly a full month of back-to-back-to-back disasters.

**22 Keep methane rule intact, Santa Fe New Mexican, 9/23/17**

[http://www.santafenewmexican.com/opinion/my\\_view/keep-methane-rule-intact/article\\_457b9b5c-a9b9-531a-8805-32647b387f54.html](http://www.santafenewmexican.com/opinion/my_view/keep-methane-rule-intact/article_457b9b5c-a9b9-531a-8805-32647b387f54.html)

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt: As a resident of New Mexico, I am extending to you a cheerful and hearty welcome to come and live and work in the middle of the Permian Basin or in the town of Farmington. Since you do not think there is a problem with leaking methane and want to delay the implementation of the Leak Detection and Repair part of the Methane Rule, you should come here and experience it, firsthand. Breathe deeply!

**23 Farmers Claim Drift Problems Persist After Two States Banned Herbicide Dicamba, Foodtank, 9/24/17**

<https://foodtank.com/news/2017/09/herbicide-dicamba/>

Researchers from the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture found in August that every formulation of the herbicide dicamba they tested—including Monsanto's XtendiMax, BASF's Engenia, and DuPont's FeXapan—displayed volatility, or a tendency to blow away from the location it was originally sprayed. Some formulations remained volatile for up to 36 hours, even when proper application instructions were followed carefully.

**24 After Harvey, 100+ debris dump sites pop up around town, ABC, 9/22/17**

<http://abc13.com/residents-frustrated-by-harvey-debris-management-sites/2444570/>

Friends Howard Otis and Victor Hebert are taking a lot of pictures these days, but none of the images are pretty. Instead, they are pictures of debris truck after debris truck dropping off at the landfill across the street from their homes. "I do remember it being a landfill," said Otis, who has lived on and off in the neighborhood near Tanner Road for years. "But I never remember it being like this."

**25 Parts of Port Arthur under boil water notice due to water main break and low pressure, KFDM, 9/22/17**

<http://kfdm.com/news/local/parts-of-port-arthur-under-boil-water-notice-due-to-water-main-break-and-low-pressure>

The City of Port Arthur from Highway 73 to 4th Street between Highway 82 and Taft Ave is under an immediate boil water notice due to a water main break and subsequent loss of pressure, according to a city spokeswoman. These areas include the west side of Port Arthur, Sabine Pass, Pleasure Island, and eastward to Highway 366. The water main break happened near Savannah and 19th Street, but spokeswoman LaRisa Carpenter says it has since been fixed.

**26 Forum to discuss proposed chemical plant in Killeen, KDH News, 9/23/17**

[http://kdhnews.com/news/local/forum-to-discuss-proposed-chemical-plant-in-killeen/article\\_d560e77e-a0d4-11e7-8171-87af714eab7f.html](http://kdhnews.com/news/local/forum-to-discuss-proposed-chemical-plant-in-killeen/article_d560e77e-a0d4-11e7-8171-87af714eab7f.html)

The groundbreaking was private for MGC Pure Chemicals America's proposed plant at the Killeen Business Park.

The public wasn't invited to the Aug. 30 event. Nor was media allowed. The Killeen Daily Herald reporter was told the media could ask questions at 11:15 a.m., after the groundbreaking, but nearly all participants were gone before 10:50 a.m. that day.

**27 NMSU faculty, students use weather balloons to test ozone levels, NM State, 9/22/17**

<http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/12710/nmsu-faculty-students-use-weather-balloons-to-test-ozone-levels>

Students at New Mexico State University are getting hands-on experience launching weather balloons to test ozone levels in the area. NMSU faculty and students are launching the weather balloons as part of a project with the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. (Photo by Dave DuBois) Man kneeling, woman standing holding weather balloon.